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SUBJECT: AFP REPORTING ON LAOS

REF (A) VIENTIANE 638 (NOTAL) (B) VIENTIANE 653 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM AP THAT, AS A RESULT OF LATEST MAJOR AFP PIECE CONCERNING RESISTANCE IN LAOS (REF A), REPRESENTATIVES OF AP, UPI, AND SEVERAL EUROPEAN MEDIA MET TOGETHER MARCH 11 TO COMPARE NOTES. THERE WAS REPORTEDLY COMMON AGREEMENT THAT LOCAL AFP CORRESPONDENT JOEL HENRI IS FAR OFF BASE IN HIS INDOCHINA REPORTING GENERALLY, WHICH IS A VIEW WE SHARE.

2. HENRI IS NOT JUST ANTI-LAO GOVERNMENT, AS SUGGESTED IN REF B. HE WENT TO HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT IN HANOI WITH DOVISH VIEWS AND DEPARTED A SUPER-HAWK. MINOR INCIDENTS THERE SUCH AS THE ARREST OF PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE SPOKE ON THE STREET AND THE SEIZURE OF A BICYCLE HE GAVE HIS MAID APPARENTLY COMBINED TO MAKE OF HIM A PASSIONATE ANTI-COMMUNIST. WE TAKE ALL OF HIS INDOCHINA ITEMS, WHETHER ON LAOS, CAMBODIA, OR SOUTH
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VIET-NAM, WITH A LARGE GRAIN OF SALT.

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